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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN JAWANS AND CIVILIANS DURING RAIL TRAVEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of confrontation between Army jawans and railway passengers during rail travel as well as throwing the passengers out of the trains are taking place;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported to the Government during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) There have been a few isolated incidents of alleged confrontation between Army jawans and railway passengers while traveling in trains. However, there has been no incident of throwing the passengers out of trains by Army jawans.

(b) There have been four, seven and ten incidents of alleged confrontation between Army jawans and other passengers reported during 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

(c) Each and every incident brought to the notice of the military authorities is investigated expeditiously and exemplary punishment awarded to those found guilty. The following steps have been taken to prevent such incidents:

(i) Educating troops to plan their movement on leave/temporary duty well in advance.

(ii) Optimum utilization of defence departmental quota and military compartments for ensuring travel on reserved berths.

(iii) Educating troops on Do`s and Don`ts during rail travel to maintain proper discipline.

(iv) Projection of additional defence departmental quota and military compartments and restoration of those discontinued, to the Ministry of Railways

(v) Regular monitoring of defence personnel in transit by Military Police.